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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 274790

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KHMER AND KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: NEPAL

DELIVER 8:00 A.M.

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER CALLED IN NEPALESE  
AMBASSADOR KHANAL DECEMBER 13 TO EXPRESS, AT THE REQUEST  
OF THE SECRETARY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S STRONG  
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NEPAL'S VOTES ON KHMER REPRESENTATION  
IN THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. LORTON, NEA/INS,  
SAT IN.

2. NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR CARGO HAD HAD A NUMBER OF  
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE NEPALESE FOREIGN  
MINISTER, SOBER SAID WE BELIEVED NEPAL GENUINELY PROFESSED  
A POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT AND SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES AND  
OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. HENCE, WE WERE  
NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT A  
CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO BRING THE CONTENDING  
PARTIES IN CAMBODIA TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT.  
SOBER NOTED WE WERE MAKING THIS SPECIAL EFFORT WITH NEPAL  
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BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED THEM TO BE A FRIEND.

3. SOBER THEN MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THERE MIGHT BE A  
CHALLENGE TO THE KHMER DELEGATION'S CREDENTIALS WHEN THE  
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS VOTED ON NEXT WEEK. WE

HOPED THE GON WOULD OPPOSE ANY SUCH CHALLENGE BECAUSE THIS WOULD REOPEN THE QUESTION AND BE CONTRARY TO THE GA'S

DECISION TO AWAIT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AT THE NEXT SESSION BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION.

4. EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR NEPAL'S ABSTENTION ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA, SOBER SAID WE HOPED THAT IF NEPAL COULD NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AS APPROVED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE, THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF ABSTENTION ON KOREAN MATTERS IN THE PLENARY VOTE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

5. ON KOREA, KHANAL REPLIED HE SAW NO PROBLEM INASMUCH AS HE EXPECTED NEPAL TO ABSTAIN. AS FOR CAMBODIA, HOWEVER, HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK US TO UNDERSTAND NEPAL'S POSITION. NEPAL SAW NONALIGNMENT AS NOT BELONGING TO ANY PARTICULAR BLOCK OF COUNTRIES AND AS DECIDING ISSUES ON THEIR MERITS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT NEPAL'S POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH THEY HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST HAD TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY IF WORLD CONFLICT WERE TO BE AVOIDED. NEPAL UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND APPRECIATED THE INTEREST WE HAD TAKEN IN DISCUSSING KHMER ISSUE WITH IT. FURTHER THE GON APPRECIATED GENERAL U.S. POLICY TOWARD NEPAL. HE AGREED TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

6. SOBER SAID HE THOUGHT KHANAL WAS IMPLYING THAT SIHANOUK'S CASE WAS BETTER ON ITS MERITS. KHANAL SAID THIS SEEMED TO BE THE CASE AND THAT ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK HIMSELF WAS IN PEKING, HE APPEARED TO HAVE A CONSIDERABLE FOLLOWING IN CAMBODIA. SOBER REPLIED THAT WE DISAGREED WITH THIS ANALYSIS.

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7. SOBER RECALLED KHANAL'S POINT ABOUT NONALIGNMENT AND POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE WERE AWARE OF THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE 1973 ALGIERS CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK, WE DID NOT SEE THIS AS A PROPER EXTENSION OF NONALIGNMENT. IN FACT A NUMBER OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, HAD OPPOSED THIS. KHANAL REPLIED THAT NEPAL RESERVED THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET NONALIGNMENT AS IT SAW IT AND THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS POLICY DECISIONS ON WHAT IT SAW AS THE MERITS OF THE CASE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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